

Monitoring the relief package for Vidarbha

441. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that cattle distributed to the families of farmers as a part of relief package for suicide prone villages in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra and other parts of the country were sold by farmers due to their inability to maintain the cattles;

(b) the steps taken in consultation with concerned State Governments that the relief package is properly implemented and benefits reach the farmers;

(c) whether Government have set up any Monitoring Committee to review the implementation of relief package; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No such matter has been reported by the State Government so far.

(b) to (d) An implementation mechanism has been instituted to ensure effective and time bound implementation of the rehabilitation package. The implementation mechanism consists of:—

- (i) State Level Coordination and Supervision Committee; and
- (ii) District Level Implementation Committee.

In addition, the Government of India regularly monitors the implementation of the rehabilitation package.

Agriculture growth rate

442. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Government's reaction to the extremely poor rate of growth of agriculture in 2006-07;